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## State Historical Resources Commission To Meet

SACRAMENTO – The State Historical Resources Commission will conduct its regular quarterly meeting Friday, February 4, 2005 in Bakersfield.

The meeting is open to the public and is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. The meeting will be held in the Kern County Board of Supervisors Chambers, 1115 Truxtun Avenue.

The Commission will consider applications for state and federal historic designation and will discuss the state's preservation plan for 2006-2010.

The Commission will consider the following nominations for the National Register of Historic Places:

- Panoramic Hill, Berkeley, Alameda County – This is an historic district of about 60 homes in the hills of Berkeley. Many famous architects, including Bernard Maybeck and Julia Morgan, designed buildings there. The district is an excellent collection of properties representing the Bay Tradition in architecture.
- Weston Havens House, Berkeley  
The Havens house sits on a steep slope on Berkeley's Panoramic Hill. It was designed in 1941 by Harwell Hamilton Harris as two volumes separated by a sunken court and linked by a bridge. Architectural historians David Gebhard and Robert Winter describe the house as among one of the "most influential in the Bay Area, made up of a stack of inverted prisms that seem poised for flight toward the sweeping view."

The property is being nominated to the National Register of Historic Places as an excellent example of California modernism and the work of master architect Harwell Hamilton Harris.

- Charles W. Merrill House, Orinda, Contra Costa County  
The Charles W. Merrill House was designed in 1938 by regionally prominent architect Walter H. Ratcliff for mining engineer and San Francisco businessman Charles W. Merrill. The property is being nominated as the home Charles W. Merrill

who lived in the house from 1938 until his death in 1957 and as an example of residential Spanish Colonial Revival design in Orinda.

- Second Church of Christ Scientist, Long Beach, Los Angeles County  
The Second Church of Christ Scientist is a monumental Neoclassical Revival church building constructed in 1924. The building is being nominated as a locally significant example of the Neoclassical Revival style.
- Standish Hall, Standish, Lassen County  
Standish Hall was constructed in 1907. Its ground floor was mercantile space; its second floor was a meeting hall. The building is nominated in the areas of commerce, recreation, and social history during the years 1907-1954 for the importance the property played in the community's local commercial and social history.
- El Cabrillo, Los Angeles, Los Angeles County  
El Cabrillo is a two story Spanish Colonial Revival courtyard apartment complex designed in 1928 by Arthur and Nina Zwebell. The property is nominated as an excellent example of Spanish Colonial Revival design and the work of well-known local courtyard housing designers Arthur and Nina Zwebell.
- The Ramona – The 1923 courtyard apartment is located in West Hollywood. The Ramona is being proposed for listing as a strong representative of the courtyard apartment type and one of West Hollywood's earliest examples of its type.
- Security First National Bank of Los Angeles, Los Angeles  
Security-First National Bank of Los Angeles was designed in 1912 by Morgan, Walls, and Clements and is similar to the firm's famous, demolished Richfield Building. Designed for use as a bank branch, the building was converted to offices in 2004. The building is nominated as an excellent example of art deco design and the work of Stiles O. Clements.
- Salk Institute for Biological Studies, San Diego, San Diego County  
The Salk Institute for Biological Studies, located in La Jolla overlooking the Pacific Ocean, was designed in 1965 by Louis I. Kahn. The property is nominated as a masterpiece of 20th century American architecture. Architectural historian Leland M. Roth states Kahn's work was "among the best of the 1960s, and perhaps of the century."
- John Spencer House in San Francisco – The Spencer House is an excellent and quite lavishly decorated 1895 representative of Queen Anne architecture, and is one of the larger examples in the city.
- Oak Lawn, outside Stockton -- This house was built in the 1860s the home of L. U. Shippee, a leader in the development of combined harvester equipment and mayor of Stockton in the 1880s.

The Commission will also consider the following for eligibility for the California Register of Historical Resources:

- Fehlmann-Morgan House in San Diego's Golden Hill neighborhood – This 1911 residence was designed by Del Harris and is a blending of the Craftsman and Mission Revival styles.
- Harvard-Westlake School Administration Building in Los Angeles – This 1928 structure is being proposed for listing for its association with events in the area of education.

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